(17) 24 critically polluted areas have been identified. Action Plan have been drawn up for restoration of environmental quality in these areas.

(18) Environmental epidemiological studies have been initiated in different parts of the country to assess the impact of pollution.

(19) Promotion of environmental education and awareness has been launched.

ICHR projects affiliated to private trust

*291. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO:
PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY:

Will the Minster of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names and details of special projects funded by the ICHR during the last two years;

(b) the total amount approved and the names of the project directors;

(c) the reasons for which the special projects are affiliated to a private trust and not administrated by ICHR itself; and

(d) under what rules of ICHR these projects are affiliated to a private trust?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) ICHR has informed that 9 Speical Projects have been approved in last two years. A statement showing names of these Projects, Project Directors and amount approved/released for each project is enclosed (*See* below). ICHR has also approved 14 other Research Projects.

(c) and (d) ICHR has stated that these projects are not affiliated to a private trust and are executed by Universities, Research Institutes, etc. as per the existing provisions in vogue.

Statement

Amount approved for special projects by ICHR and the names of Project Directors

Sl. No.	Title of the Special Projects	Project Directors	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	
			Approved	Released
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Greek Source in Ancient India	Prof. U.P. Arora (Ex. Vice-Chancellor), Dean, Faculty of Advanced Social Sciences, Head, Deptt. of Ancient and History and Culture M.J.P. Rohilkhand University, Bareilly	2.00	0.95
2.	The Documentation of British Census Policy 1871-1941	Prof. S.K. Gupta, Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla	12.90	4.08
3.	Potteries in Ancient & Medieval India	Prof. B.P. Sinha, Professor Emeritus University, Professor (Retd.) Ancient Indian History & Archaeology, Former Director, State Archaeology & Museums, Bihar (Hon. Former Director K.P. Jayswal Research Institute, Patna)	8.00	Nill

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Archaeology & Tradition: A Study of Indo-European & Indo-Aryan Languages and Archaeology	Prof. D.N. Tripathi, Professor of Ancient Indian History Archaeology and Culture, Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla	16.11	2.57
5.	Archaeological Research Methodology	Prof. V.N. Misra, Former Director Post Graduate Institute & Research, Deccan College, Pune	9.00	4.27
6.	Atlas of the Indus Saraswati Civilisation	Dr. K.N. Dixit, Former Joint Director General, Archaeological Survey of India Janpath and General Secretary, Indian Archaeological Society	20.00	9.50
7.	Growth of Cities during the Second Urbanization in India 1000 BC-100 AD	Shri K.S. Ramachandran, Retired Officer from Archaeological Survey of India, Janpath, New Delhi	13.72	2.61
8.	Salvaging & Conserving the damaged source material of Hisotry & Archaeology in Gujarat.	Dr. S.P. Gupta, Chairman, Indian Archaeological Society, New Delhi	3.00	0.71

1	2	3	4	5
9.	Historical & Archaeological work of Parsis/ Zoarastrian Religious Places of Importance in Western India with Special reference to Barat Cave	Dr. Mani Kamerkar, Retired Professor of History Modern South Asia, Social History former Fellow of International Centre for Asian Studies Hongkong Vice President, Asiatic society.	6.42	3.05

Financial crisis in railways

*292. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:
SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are facing huge financial crisis and as a consequence, large number of schemes are likely to be kept pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have sought the help of State Governments for expeditious completion of these schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response received from State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. It is true that the finances of the Railways are passing through a difficult phase. However financing is being done from the available resources of all projects cleared for execution. While no projects have been pending on account of financial constraints, the progress of the on-going projects will depend on availability of funds in the coming years.

(b) Some of the reasons on account of which IR is facing financial, difficulties are the following:

(i) Declining Budgetary support resulting in progressively increasing market borrowing and debt servicing liability.